

Violet Aden Colledge Barnes 1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Violet Aden Colledge Barnes was born in Lehi September 28, 1877, a daughter of Joseph H. and Ellen Jones Colledge.

She spent her childhood and early life at the family home near the Jordan River where she endured many of the hardships of those days.

Her opportunity for schooling and formal education was very limited, yet she learned the lesson of life well. January 4, 1894, she married George F. Barnes in the Salt Lake Temple. To this union were born fifteen children, nine of whom preceded her to her rest.

April, 1916, she was appointed counselor to Mary Ann Sorenson in the Third Ward Relief Society Presidency in which capacity she served until October 13, 1925. The presidency was reorganized and she was sustained as president of the organization. She served in this organization diligently until February, 1932, a total of sixteen years.

Her services were unlimited and her concern always was foremost in her mind, especially for the poor and needy, the sick and afflicted. She was a faithful spirit and the lifelong devoted servant of all about her. She had a sweet personality, a lovable and cheerful disposition.

For many years she served as a Relief Society teacher. She was a member of the Evansville camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She was proud of the fact that she was the first in that camp to pay her lifetime membership.

She died of a heart attack April 18, 1943, and was buried April 21, 1943, in the Lehi cemetery.